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Directions for knitting good socks with finer wool and needles.

In 4-ply wool, on No. 12 needles.

Medium knitter, cast on 60 stitches.

Very loose knitter, 56 stitches.

Very tight knitter, 68 or 72 stitches.

THE GREY SOCK.

These directions are for coarse wool; for finer wool the proportions would be different.

The size of sock is regulated by increasing or decreasing rows of plain kniting between heel and toe. The calculations in the book are for un 11-inch sock.

Cast on loosely. Stretch should be 7½ in. double.

Pattern for Sock.

No. 10 needles for thick wool. Knit rather loosely, but keep stitches at each end of needles tight.

Cast 18 stitches on 1st needle, 16 on 2nd, and 14 on 3rd. Then knit 2 from 1st needle on to 3rd, thus making 16 stitches on each of the three needles.

Top.—Knit 2, purl 2 for 35 rounds, 4in. long.

Leg.—Knit plain — 55 rounds, 8in. long.

Heel.—Put 24 stitches on to one needle for heel, leaving 12 stitches on each of the other two.

Knit a row and purl a row alternately for 22 rows, ending with the knitting row, and always slipping the 1st stitch. On the purling row slip it as though you were going to purl, 3in. long.

To Take off Heel.

Purl half and 1 over, 62 Purl 13 stitches, purl 2 together, purl 1, turn. Slip 1, knit 3, knit 2 together, knit 1, turn. Slip 1, purl 4, purl 2 together, purl 1, turn. Slip 1, knit 5, knit 2 together, knit 1, turn. Slip 1, purl 6, purl 2 together, purl 1, turn. Slip 1, knit 7, knit 2 together, knit 1, turn. Slip 1, purl 8, purl 2 together, purl 1, turn. Slip 1, knit 9, knit 2 together, knit 1, turn.

Slip 1, purl 10, purl 2 together, purl 1, turn.

Slip 1, knit 11, knit 2 together, knit 1.

All the stitches are now taken up and there are 14 on heel needle.

On to this needle knit 12 stitches or loops at side of heel, and also 4 stitches from next needle.

Take the 4th needle and knit 16 stitches on to it.

This is now the front needle.

Knit the 4 remaining stitches, also 12 side

stitches or loops, and also 7 stitches from heel needle on to another needle.

There are now 16 stitches on front needle and 23 on each of the side needles.

Knit to end of front needle.

1st side needle—Knit 4, slip 1, knit 1, pull slip stitch over the knitted one. Knit to end of needle.

2nd side needle—Knit until there are 6 stitches left, knit 2 together, knit 4.

Knit 4 plain needles.

Decrease on each of the side needles with a plain row between, until there are 16 stitches on each needle.

Knit plain until you have 55 rows from heel, 9in. long.

Directions for the Toe.

These directions are for coarse wool; for finer wool the proportions would be different.

Begin decreasing 11/4 inches from the length you wish your sock to be. Divide stitches evenly, having half on front needle and the other half on two back needles. Beginning in the middle of back, knit plain till within

3 stitches of end, slip 1, knit I, pass slipped stitch over knitted one, and knit the last. Then, beginning on front needle, knit first stitch, knit 2 together, and proceed till within 3 stitches of the end, when you slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over and knit last, as at first; then, beginning 3rd needle, knit 1, knit 2 together. Then knit 1 plain row all round: then another row, decreasing as before, and another plain row, and proceed till you have 20 or 24 stitches left altogether. Put the back ones all on to one needle and leave off knitting so that the thread is

left on back needle on the right. Break off thread, leaving enough to finish off and thread it into a wool needle. Place needle as if to purl 1st front stitch, but do not take it off needle, purl back stitch and take it off. Place needle as if to knit back stitch and do not take it off; knit front stitch and take it off; purl front stitch and do not take it off, purl back stitch and take it off; knit back stitch and do not take it off, knit front stitch and take it off; continue this till all stitches are off: then finish off smoothly on inside.



